

My new glasses

When I was about 10 years old, I began to have problems in school and my parents became frustrated in trying to figure out the root of the problem. My grades that had previously been above average, had slipped to average in some classes and even below average in others. One of my teachers wisely suggested that they make an appointment with an optometrist for a vision test. The results of the test revealed that I probably could not read the chalk board clearly and would likely have difficulty figuring out what the teacher was writing and explaining on the blackboard.

I recall the day when I went to pick up my first pair of glasses. When I walked out that day I recalled how the vague shapes I had seen before were suddenly in focus and crystal clear. Even the colors seemed brighter. Sadly, since I had no basis for comparison I didn't know just how degraded my vision had actually become and what a tremendous difference those corrective lenses would make. Actually my parents were kind of mad. They complained that they had taken me to Disneyland and Knott's Berry farm all those times on vacations and now they realized I really hadn't seen much at all...

This reminds me so much of my spiritual life. If I neglect my time alone with God, soon my spiritual vision begins to grow dim. It is so subtle that the changes in my spiritual vision may be hard to detect at first. Then, suddenly, I discover that I am relying on myself instead of God for guidance and drawing on my own feeble strength and wisdom instead of His.

^{2KI 6:15} When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Prayer

Lord, please give me 20-20 spiritual vision so I can see your miracles, blessings, protection and even correction as I go through the day. Help me Lord not take for granted your wonderful working in my life.

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